

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 26, 2005**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner David Seger, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 12, 2005. A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** carried 3-0.

NINTH AND NEWTON STREETS CLOSURE

Phil Schroering, Schroering Plumbing and Heating, representing Todd Kerstiens of T-Kerstiens Homes & Designs, requested regulating traffic on W. 9th Street, from Clay Street to Newton Street on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. He explained that his company has been contracted to connect into the sewer line at the intersection of Newton Street (U.S. 231) and 9th Street. Mr. Schroering presented a diagram that Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) provided for regulating traffic on Newton Street.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of Schroering Plumbing and Heating to regulate traffic with flagmen on W. 9th Street between Clay Street and Newton Street on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a sewer tap-in on condition traffic is directed on Newton Street according to INDOT's diagram and they contact the police department and local news media. **Motion** passed 3-0.

GREATER JASPER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Terry Nicholson, engineer with Electri-com and Ben Gunter, Technical Coordinator for the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, were present. Mr. Nicholson reported on plans to link all of the schools in the corporation by fiber connections. Mr. Nicholson detailed the route where the underground and overhead cable would be placed. He then said he has met with Verizon, Insight and the Jasper Utility Departments concerning location of their lines. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein stated that because some of the cable would be run in City rights-of-way, the City would require an Indemnification Agreement. Hemmerlein then informed Mr. Nicholson, along with school officials Dr. Riggs and Merrill Vandeventer, the requirements that will be in the agreement, such as joining Indiana Underground.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the Greater Jasper Consolidated School Corporation subject to the legalities between the City and the School Corporation on condition the School Corporation seek permission from the Jasper Utility Service Board. **Motion** passed 3-0.

STREET NEAR TOYOTA PROJECT

Kenny Brosmer, Brosmer Land Surveying, representing Uebelhor & Sons, presented plans for the new Toyota business being constructed at 12th Avenue and U.S. 231 S. He explained that Uebelhor and Sons would like to construct a north/south street off 12th Avenue, but the plans do not meet City specifications. The initial drawings provide for a 14% grade off the existing street and City specifications require a 12% grade. Brosmer discussed changing the grade of the new street. He explained the 14% grade is needed to accommodate the 24" storm water pipe. There followed much discussion. Building Commissioner Seger stated that if the profile were to be changed, Uebelhor & Sons would have to seek a variance from the Plan Commission. Mayor Schmitt commented that there were too many unanswered questions with this project; therefore, the City needs to look at the area before the Board could make a decision.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, to table the request and not make a decision until after an on-sight visit. **Motion** passed 3-0.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS TOUR

Ken Sternberg, representing the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, requested using the area around the Train Depot on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the Indianapolis Colts promotional tour.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve the request of the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association to use the area around the Train Depot on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the Indianapolis Colts promotional tour. **Motion** passed 3-0.

DUBOIS COUNTY ART GUILD

Mayor Schmitt presented a request from the Dubois County Art Guild to use the Train Depot for an art display in conjunction with the Chalk Walk Arts Festival on Saturday, May 7, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He said there would be two Art Guild members on hand the entire day as well as artists who would be demonstrating their techniques.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the Dubois County Art Guild to use the Train Depot on Saturday, May 7, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to display artwork. **Motion** passed 3-0.

JOB SHADOW – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

City Engineer Chad Hurm introduced Kurt Breitweiser who will be job-shadowing him today.

THIRD AVENUE TRAFFIC AND SPEED STUDY

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a Traffic and Speed Study that had been done on Third Avenue between “A” Street and Hopf Avenue. He reported that the speed study had been undertaken after the Police Chief received a request from Mike Verkamp, 1143 Crestwood Drive. Verkamp requested lowering the speed limit on Third Avenue near Gun Club Road. Hurm indicated that the speed study data supported the present speed limit. He agreed to contact Mr. Verkamp about the results of the study.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle reported for publication the names of property owners that had been cited under section 5.12.040, weed removal/ notice. The names and property locations receiving notice since the last meeting were as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location of Lot</u>
Herbert & Mary Ann Schwenk, Trust	707 W. 6 th St.
Lee Huebner	Pt. of Lot 26, vacant lot, 3 rd Ave., between Newton & Main Streets
Jasper Wood Products	Lots 41-45, 500 E. 13 th St.
Jasper Wood Products	Lot 11, 582 E. 13 th St.

Eckerle also presented a copy of an advertisement to be placed in The Herald reminding property owners and residents of Jasper and Huntingburg about the ordinances pertaining to the discharge of grass into the streets. He said the cost of the ad is being shared with the City of Huntingburg. During discussion, Victor Knies suggested including in the ad the amount of the fine for such an ordinance violation.

2005 TROUGH LOADER RECYCLING TRUCK AND 2005 REFUSE LOADING TRUCK

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that he had reviewed the bid for a 2005 Trough Loader Recycling Truck from Best Equipment Company, Inc. for \$123,800.41, which included the trade-in of the 1993 recycling truck. After stating that the bid met all specifications, Eckerle had the board members sign the bid Acceptance Form. Eckerle stated that he was not ready to accept the bid on the 2005 Refuse Loading Truck, but said he would like to do more research on that item. He stated that the bid had come in higher than what had been budgeted.

FEMA DISASTER RELIEF

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider presented a report on the December Snow Emergency relief for 2004 from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA) Schneider stated the federal assistance the City received was \$31,878.30.

ALL-DAY PARKING – CLAY STREET

Police Chief Rick Gunselman reported that he had done a study concerning a request made by Andy Welsh for all day parking on the west side of Clay Street between 6th and 7th Streets. Gunselman presented a map of the area which shows two hour parking on the west side and all day parking on the east side. Gunselman stated that he had contacted some of the businesses in the area and they preferred leaving the parking situation as it is because they feel two hour parking allows numerous customers to do their business.

Police Chief Gunselman recommended not changing the parking in that area.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to follow Chief Gunselman's recommendation and leave the parking regulations as they are on Clay Street between 6th and 7th Street. **Motion** passed 3-0.

Thomas Schmidt agreed to contact Mr. Welsh about the decision.

REPLACEMENT SAFETY VESTS

Police Chief Richard Gunselman announced that the police department had received a grant from the Federal Justice Program for the purchase of seven safety vests, which were approved earlier this year. He said the amount received was \$1,666.00, which covers half the cost of the vests, plus \$56 for freight.

REPLACEMENT TELECOMMUNICATOR

Police Chief Richard Gunselman requested hiring a replacement Telecommunicator. He explained that one Telecommunicator, Aaron Persohn, has been hired as a police officer and another Telecommunicator, Kelley Leuck, has accepted another position within the City.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to permit the police department to start the hiring process for a replacement Telecommunicator. **Motion** passed 3-0.

EASEMENTS

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented the following easements for acceptance and approval:

Grant of Permanent Drainage Easement

Jeffrey J. Schenetzki, by John R. Schenetzki (Power of Attorney) - Part of the S ½ of Lot #9 in Summit Heights Addition.

Gwendolyn L. Wilms – Part of the N ½ of Lot #9 in Summit Heights Addition.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve and accept the easements, as listed above. **Motion** passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer
Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary